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FM AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

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FBO FOR PAUL STANGE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: ADDITIONAL CHANCERY SPACE

1. AMBASSADOR RAISED PROBLEM OF URGENT NEED FOR ADDITIONAL EMBASSY SPACE IN MEETING TODAY WITH DEP FORN MIN GLIGA. IN MAKING POINT WE WERE NOT HAPPY OVER MANNER OPTION ON BATISTEI PROPERTY HANDLED, AMBASSADOR SAID HE NOT INTERESTED IN EXPENDING ENERGY ON POST MORTEM OF WHAT HAPPENED. ESSENTIAL ISSUE FOR WHICH HE SOUGHT GLIGA'S ASSISTANCE WAS TO IDENTIFY AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE OTHER BUILDING POSSIBILITIES WHICH WERE CONTIGUOUS TO PRESENT CHANCERY. URGENCY IN MATTER IS DICTATED BOTH BY OUR NEEDS AS WELL AS PROBABLE INTERNAL BUDGET RESTRICTIONS FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

2. NOTING WE WERE NOT INTERESTED IN PROPERTY ODCD HAD RECENTLY OFFERED US NEXT DOOR TO EX-RESIDENCE, AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED TWO NEW POSSIBILITIES: A PRIVATE RESIDENCE DIRECTLY BEHIND CHANCERY, OR A BUILDING HOUSING GERMAN (GOR RUN) CULTURAL CENTER ON CORNER OF ARGHEZI AND BATISTEI APPROX 30 YARDS FROM CHANCERY.

3. GLIGA ASSURED US HE WOULD PROMPTLY INITIATE INVESTIGATION OF BOTH POSSIBILITIES. HE SUGGESTED THE FIRST PROBABLY WOULD BE MORE DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE BECAUSE OF COMPLICATIONS ARISING FROM FACT PROPERTY DOES NOT BELONG TO STATE.

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AMBASSADOR UNDERScored FACT THESE WERE OUR INITIAL

SUGGESTIONS; HE HOPED GOR COULD IDENTIFY OTHER PROPERTIES.
ONLY TWO BASIC REQUIREMENTS WERE BUILDINGS IN GOOD
CONDITION AND LOCATED CLOSE TO CHANCERY. GLIGA REITERATED
MINISTRY'S COOPERATION, ADDING HE WOULD ATTEMPT HAVE
SOMETHING FOR US WITHIN TWO WEEKS.
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